

## Message Text

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ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00

DOT-00 FMC-01 INR-07 NSAE-00 CG-00 DLOS-09

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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6315

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DEPT PASS FMC IMMEDIATE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, GT

SUBJ: SHIPPING LEGISLATION

REF: (A) GUATEMALA 3499 (B) STATE 130777

1. EMBASSY'S LAST CABLE ON THIS SUBJECT SENT JUNE 2, REFTEL A, POINTED OUT THAT CONGRESS HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE ITS RECESS UNTIL JUNE 10 AND THAT IT WOULD MEET JUNE 7, 8, AND 9. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMS HARD TO JUSTIFY ON ANY GROUNDS THE ACTION OF THE FMC FILING ON JUNE 6 ITS PROPOSED RULE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER ON JUNE 8 OR 9 (REFTEL B). OBVIOUSLY PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE INEVITABLE EFFECT OF STIFFENING THE BACKS OF THOSE OPPOSED TO NEW SHIPPING LAW. IF OUR PURPOSE IS TO OBTAIN THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION WHICH WILL DISPOSE OF THIS LONG-FESTERING PROBLEM, THEN CLEARLY PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER IN THE LAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE GUATEMALAN CONGRESS RECESSES WILL SERVE TO TORPEDO THE VERY RESULT WE MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF OBTAINING.

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2. IT IS NOT IN OUR INTERESTS TO TIE OUR HANDS THROUGH ARTIFICIAL OR ARBITRARY DEADLINES. AFTER ALL THE FACT THAT THE BILL HAS PASSED THREE READINGS IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS REPRESENTS MORE PROGRESS THAN WE HAVE MADE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, STRONGLY URGE THAT PROPOSED RULING NOT BE PUBLISHED IN FEDERAL REGISTER UNTIL JUNE 10.

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